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S I R:

A non-final Office Action dated September 12, 2003 has been issued in the above-identified application and, since the Office Action does not take into account applicants' Preliminary Amendment filed by mailing certificate on December 19, 2002, applicants request that a new Office Action be issued, taking into account the claims and argument submitted in the Preliminary Amendment and resetting the period for responding to the September 12 Office Action.

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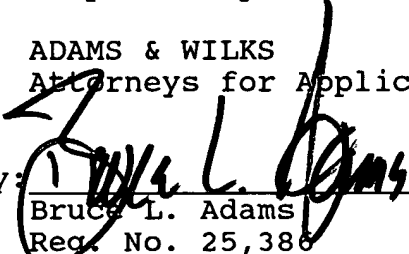
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For the PTO's convenience, a copy of the return receipt postcard evidencing receipt of applicants' Preliminary Amendment by the PTO on January 3, 2003, and a copy of the Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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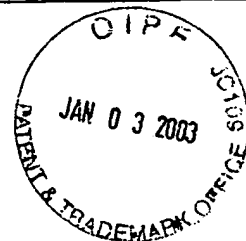
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